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TAGS: PFOR, CPRS, BF

SUBJECT: INDICTMENT OF HOWARD HUGHES

1. FOLLOWING INITIAL PRESS REPORTS OF INDICTMENT OF HOWARD HUGHES AND OTHERS IN LAS VEGAS DECEMBER 27, EMBASSY RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF INQUIRIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO EXTRADITE HUGHES FROM HIS ALLEGED PRESENT RESIDENCE IN FREEPORT (*OMMENT: INFORMAL EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH BAHAMIAN CUSTOMS AND OTHER OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT HUGHES IS IN FACT RESIDENT AT XANADU PRINCESS HOTEL IN FREEPORT).

2. THESE INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO EMBASSY BY ASSORTED MEDIA REPS AND BY ORIS RUSSELL, PERMSEC OF GCOB MINEXTAFF, WHO REPORTED TO EMBASSY THAT HE TOO HAD B*EN RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. EMBASSY'S RESPONSE THUS FAR HAS BEEN CONFINED TO STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION AND CANNOT SAY WHETHER ONE WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. JANUARY 2ND EDITION OF NASSAU GUARDIAN HAS FRONT PAGE STORY HEADLINED "U.S. MAY MOVE FOR HUGHES EXTRADITION." STORY *ONTAINS STATEMENT THAT QUOTE REPORTS FROM LAS VEGAS SAY...THAT HUGHES MOVED TO THE BAHAMAS INNER QUOTE WHERE HE IS BELIEVED TO BE SAFE FROM EXTRADITION END INNER
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QUOTE UNQUOTE. STORY GOES ON TO SAY THAT QUOTE IT IS

REPORTED FROM AMERICAN AUTHORITIES THAT IF HUGHES DOES NOT
APPEAR AT THE JANUARY 11 (ARRAIGNMENT IN LAS VEGAS) A WARRANT
WILL BE ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST, AND THE DEPT OF JUSTICE
MAY BEGIN EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS UNQUOTE.

4. IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER PRESS AND OTHER LOCAL
INQUIRIES, DEPTS GUIDANCE, INCLUDING PROPOSED PRESS
GUIDANCE, IS REQUESTED.
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